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CEDAR GLEN ROAD MAINTENANCE BALLOT

San Bernardino County's Special Districts Department is scheduled to appear before the Board of Supervisors on January 30, 2007 to receive Board approval to mail out special election ballots to Cedar Glen's property owners.

Special Districts will ask voters to approve an annual service charge of \$163 for all parcels, with the exception of unimproved parcels that are less than 7,200 sq. ft.; these parcels will be assessed \$75 a year. Total revenue may potentially generate an estimated \$257,000 annually used for services such as road grading, culvert cleaning, and snow removal. "Our goal is to improve the ingress and egress to the community for residents and emergency vehicles and to eradicate blight," said County Supervisor Dennis Hansberger.

The road maintenance service charge will allow for improved access to the community of Cedar Glen and may increase property values. Emergency vehicles will have turnouts and faster response times to emergency calls.

The Cedar Glen Redevelopment Project Area, formed in 2003, is an effort to restore the community after the Old Fire. The two largest problems that firefighters faced were the limited access to the community and the lack of water pressure to effectively fight the fire.

As part of the County's redevelopment efforts, the Special Districts Department will purchase Arrowhead Manor Water Company; update the substandard infrastructure; and improve fire safety and the level of service to the community. "An improvement in the roads is a necessity for fire safety," said Special Districts Director Tom Sutton. "If the property owners approve the road service charge, it will allow us to combine the reconstruction of the water system with the road improvements. We hope to get started on these improvements in the spring of 2007."

Property owners can expect to receive their ballots in the mail by February 1, 2007 and will have 45 days to return their ballots by March 17, 2007.